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MOTOR VEHICLE GETS YOU ON YOUR WAY

DO YOU HAVE A BOAT TRAILER THAT requires a license for Minnesota's upcoming fishing opener? Maybe your plans include travel to places a little more exotic? Both recreational vehicle registration and passports are available at the Motor Vehicle Office, 9930 Logan Avenue South. Hours are Monday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 952-563-8719 or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: Motor.



LIVING GREEN EXPO 2005 MINNESOTA'S LARGEST ENVIRONMENTAL EVENT

MORE THAN 200 EXHIBITORS WILL showcase environmentally sound products, technologies, information and practices at Minnesota's Living Green Expo, **Saturday, April 30** and **Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**, at the Grandstand Building at the Minnesota State Fair Grounds, 1265 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul. The event features art displays, children's activities, food and music. Admission is free. For information, call 651-215-0218 or visit www.livinggreen.org.

THE GREAT SKATE TOGETHER FIGURE SKATING PERFORMANCE

THE BLOOMINGTON SKATE SCHOOL AND the Figure Skating Club of Bloomington present "The Great Skate Together ... Ice Show on a Stick" on **Saturday, April 30, 7 p.m.**, and **Sunday, May 1, 2 p.m.**, at the Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street. Tickets are \$7 adults; \$5 students/seniors and free for ages 5 and under. Discounted tickets are available during the dress rehearsal on Friday, April 29, 5:30 - 8 p.m. For information, call Rene Gelecinskyj at 952-888-5167.

WILDFLOWERS BLOSSOM, BUTTERFLIES FLUTTER FIRE HELPS MAINTAIN NATURAL BEAUTY



FIRE ALLOWS NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMAL COMMUNITIES to thrive. Every three to four years, prairie areas around Bloomington and at the Water Treatment Plant, 9300 Poplar Bridge Road, are burned to help accentuate the growth of native wildflowers, enrich the soil and eliminate weeds.

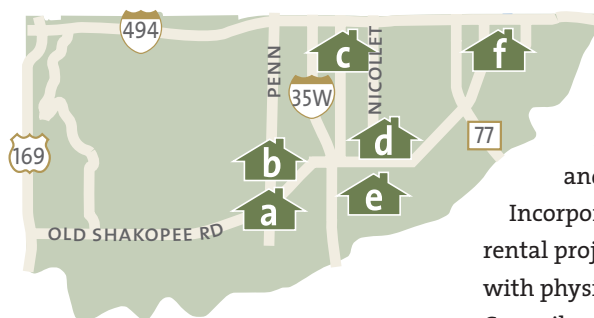
Prairie areas are low maintenance. No pesticides or fertilizers are needed on these areas that sit atop the plant's 4.5 million gallon underground reservoir, ensuring that the city's drinking water stays safe and people driving by can enjoy the natural beauty.

A monarch butterfly pauses on the native wildflowers growing at the Water Treatment Plant.

WHERE YOU LIVE QUALITY HOUSING REMAINS THE TREND

ALTHOUGH FULLY DEVELOPED, BLOOMINGTON HAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONSTRUCTION underway to revitalize the community and provide more housing options. The city has always been recognized for its quality residential environment and that trend is continuing with current redevelopment. These projects demonstrate the high demand for quality housing at all price levels. Many units have sold out or are selling quickly.

For information, call 952-563-8920 or visit the City's Web site, keywords: Development directory.



a PENN AND OLD SHAKOPEE

The Village on 9 Mile Creek will construct 40 townhomes and 128 condominiums on the former City Hall site. The first phase includes a four-story condominium building and 20-unit townhouse development scheduled for completion in fall 2005.

b 99TH AND PENN

A three-story, 132,800-square-foot care center and town center addition to Presbyterian Homes' Gideon Pond campus will add 80 licensed nursing units and 36 assisted living units. Completion is scheduled for fall 2005.



c 84TH AND LYNDALE

Lyndale Green, pictured above, will be substantially completed in 2006, with a 10,500-square-foot retail center, the 95-unit Applewood Pointe Senior Cooperative, 46 townhouses and a one-acre public park. A new Cub Foods store opened on the site last November.

d 95TH AND GARFIELD

The National Handicap Housing Institute and Accessible Space

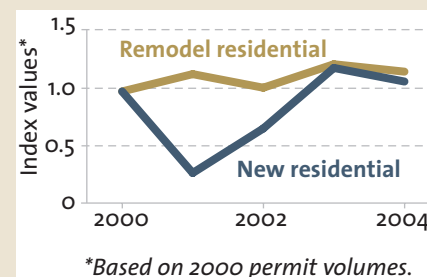
Incorporated are proposing a 50-unit rental project for low-income seniors with physical disabilities. Pending City Council approval, construction could begin in fall 2005.

e 102ND AND NICOLLET

Seven single-family, affordable homes are being constructed in an underutilized area. The project is scheduled for completion this spring. See page 8.

f BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL STATION

The first phase of McGough's transit-oriented development, "Reflections," includes 267 condominiums scheduled for completion in summer 2006. More than 800 additional residential units are proposed in later phases.



REDEVELOPMENT HELPS NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING BOUNCE BACK

The graph shows year-to-year investment in residential construction by an index based on 2000 activity. Residential remodeling has been constant, while new construction dipped in 2001 and 2002, but has bounced back. New residential construction is about two-to-three times the total value of residential remodels, or about \$8 million per year.

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